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Tours

Tours of the hon. the Minister for Development.

* 1346 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place before the House a statement of the tours made by him and the cost of each up to the 31st December 1928 and to state—

(a) the object of each tour ;

(b) whether the places visited had not been seen by the hon. the Minister before ;

(c) whether a personal visit and inspection was absolutely necessary ; and

(d) whether a report from the head of the department concerned was not found sufficient as to the requirements of the several places or institutions visited by him ?

A.—(i) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 175, dated 6th September 1928. Subsequently Simla and several places in Tanjore, South Arcot and Trichinopoly districts were visited. The cost of the tours from 1st April 1928 to 31st December 1928 as reported by the Accountant-General, Madras, is Rs. 5,242-2-9.

(ii) (a) During the public tours inspections, interviews and attendance of conferences in connexion with the departments of Government, particularly of those in his charge.

(b) Some had been seen before and some not.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

Veterinary

Veterinary aid to the agricultural population of Nandikotkur taluk.

* 1347 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what arrangements exist to render veterinary aid to the agricultural population of the Nandikotkur taluk of the Kurnool district ; and

(b) whether he is prepared to consider the desirability of establishing a veterinary dispensary at Nandikotkur for the people of that area ?

A.—(a) The touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Kurnool is in charge of both Kurnool and Nandikotkur taluks. Extra Veterinary Assistant Surgeons are posted to Nandikotkur whenever cattle disease is widespread and the Touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeon finds himself unable to cope with the situation.

(b) The Government sanctioned the opening of a Veterinary dispensary at Nandikotkur during 1928–29. Due to shortage of Veterinary graduates, it was not possible to open this dispensary. The question of opening a dispensary at this place during 1929–30 is under the consideration of Government.

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